

**District III Advisory Board Minutes**  
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**July 7, 2004**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**Colvin Neighborhood City Hall**  
**2820 S. Roosevelt**

The District III Advisory Board meeting was held at 7:00 p.m. at the Colvin Neighborhood City Hall at 2820 S. Roosevelt. The District III City Council Member Phil Lambke was in attendance with nine (9) District Advisory Board members in attendance. Eight (8) COW staff were present along with approximately thirteen (13) members of the public, most of whom signed in.

**Members Present**

Jim Gulick  
William Ward  
Charlotte Foster  
Judy Dillard  
Matt Foley  
Joann Hartig  
Phyllis Hall  
Laura Simpson  
John Kemp  
CM Phil Lambke

**Members Absent**

**Staff Present**

Vicki Mork  
Officer David Hinners  
Officer Ginny Wylie  
Officer Renee Bryand  
Scott Logan  
Kurt Schroeder  
Jay Newton  
Mark Manning  
Kendall Niquette  
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**Guests**

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**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Call to Order**

**Council Member Lambke** called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve minutes for June 2, 2004 by Hartig (Hall) passed by a vote of 9-0.

**Action: Received and filed.**

## **Public Agenda**

### **1. Scheduled Items**

None scheduled at this time

**Recommended Action: Provide comments/take appropriate action.**

### **2. Off-agenda Items**

None presented at this time.

**Recommended Action: Provide comments/take appropriate action.**

## **Staff Presentations**

### **3. Community Police Report**

**Officer Ginny Wylie 25 Beat** reported the Sports Club at Hydraulic and Morris is going to be facing a parking problem. Due to neighborhood complaints traffic engineering has reviewed the situation and recommended that no parking signs be installed on some streets. There are three new Neighborhood Watch programs at 2300 S. Pattie, 1800 S. Ellis, and 1100 S. Ida. Officer Wylie also reported a dramatic decrease in neighborhood burglaries after the apprehension of some suspects.

**Officer David Hinnars 32 Beat** reports Kellogg burglaries have decreased and other than that it has been very quiet in this area. He introduced Officer Renee Bryand, member of the SCAT Patrol for the East Bureau. **Foster** complained about fireworks and expressed concern about gang members living in Keystone Apartments north of Southeast High School. She was informed that a search warrant had been executed in that area and a main target was detained.

### **4. Reintegration of Offender Action Plan**

**Margie Phelps, Kansas Dept. of Corrections** provided background information on the issue of offender reentry in Sedgwick County. She reviewed the Wichita Assembly that focused on the City/County Offender Reentry Task Force held in February 2002. The offender statistics she handed out show that nearly 3,400 offenders are in the Sedgwick County area either as returning from incarceration or under supervision of KDOC or community corrections or probation. She also cited statistics showing 47% of those released from prison return within the first year after release. A lack of adequate housing and job skills contribute to this dismal statistic along with addiction histories and persistent mental health issues

Recommendations were developed in the areas of community safety; housing; employment and support services. The functions of the Alternative Correctional Housing Board were reviewed also.

**Ward** asked about job training in prison and was told it was minimal. **Phelps** explained GED programs were available with some skill programs. **Ward** expressed concern about 50

percent of the offenders lacking job skills. **Phelps** said 80 percent of those coming into prison have no high school diploma. **Hall** reported personal experience with family member offender who has returned to the community and is unable to find work.

**Foley** asked if felons are learning employment skills in prison. **Phelps** explained construction jobs are reducing and retail jobs are increasing and there is a great need for health care workers but felons can't work in this field. Grounds keeping is a featured job in prison but demand for these jobs on the outside is somewhat limited. KDOC is looking to partner with potential employers to prepare prisoners for release and employment.

**Phelps** said state prisons are running out of beds and as a result they are trying to return low risk offenders to community, this is a result of mandatory sentencing laws. **Foster** contends that a reentry partnership is needed between City, County and State. **Ward** suggested that parole officers be placed throughout the City like Community Policing.

**Gulick** asked about the number of private sector employers were part of the Task Force Survey. **Phelps** said dozens and said she would provide the list to him. **Phelps** says efforts with families are needed.

**Foley** asked how much of report is being implemented and if not why not? **Phelps** explained that 80 percent of KDOC budget was for risk containment. The report everyone received details what is going on presently. There are new ideas that could be implemented but funding is always an issue. **Foley** summarized saying about 25 percent of recommendations are in place and 75 percent are a wish list.

**Phelps** stated that she believed disbanding the Alternative Correctional Housing Board is a bad idea. **Rosalie Bradley**, 1401 Julianne, has worked on this issue extensively. She said there was a reintegration project ongoing in Northeast Kansas and it was going well. **Bradley** does not support disbanding Alternative Correctional Housing board she thinks the City and County Manager thought the board performed a purely administrative function and wasn't necessary. She disagrees, as halfway houses are required to be licensed if 2 or more offenders live in facility and she also recommends support of a reentry pilot project.

**Dillard** opposed to dissolution of Alternative Correctional Housing Board. Supports reentry pilot project but has questions on funding. **Hall** stated she thought the COW should hire returned offenders. **Hartig** recommends maintaining the Alternative Correctional Housing Board. **Foley** supports the reentry pilot program but is opposed to disbanding Alternative Correctional Housing Board. He asked if Hilltop and Planeview neighborhoods were targeted for reentry projects and was told they were not. He does not favor that as he thinks these two neighborhoods have enough to deal with already. **Ward** asked about the structure for overview and follow up and requested presentation of regular progress reports to DAB boards. There is a Kansas pilot project for one year to see how task force suggestions could be implemented as a demonstration project with review after 1 year.

**Recommended Action: Ward (Gulick) moved that a three-year pilot reintegration project be implemented with annual reports to DAB boards. Motion carried 9-0.**

**Recommended Action: Dillard (Foster) moved to maintain the Alternative Correctional Housing Board. Motion carried 9-0.**

## **5. Public Works**

**Scott Logan, Traffic Engineer** covered the Top Ten Accident location and three are in District III. There are three keys for a response to accident-prone intersections: Education; Information; and Enforcement. **Logan** reviewed the City's responses to the problems at all three intersections. In many cases construction is already scheduled to correct the problem issues. DAB members and some audience members presented issues with other locations and **Logan** said he would follow up.

**Recommended Action: Receive and file.**

## **6. Public Works**

**Scott Logan, Traffic Engineer** presented findings from 47<sup>th</sup> and Broadway Corridor Study. It is a positive project. The I-35 ramps were a 1960's design, which contribute to the congestion around the high traffic areas of Broadway and 47<sup>th</sup>. Enhancements are proposed involving reconfiguring ramps for better flow onto 47<sup>th</sup>; signals added on 47<sup>th</sup>; left turn lanes on all approaches and added right turn lanes on all approaches.

Three-phase plan will depend upon funding. 1) Interchange estimated to cost \$5 million; 2) Intersection of 47<sup>th</sup> Street and Broadway reconfiguration with cost an estimated \$3 million; 3) Improvements between the two will cost \$3.5 million. But the project is not funded at this time and there is no date set for the improvements.

## **7. Finance Department**

**Jay Newton and Mark Manning** presented an overview of the 2005-2006 operating budget, also referred to as the Proposed Budget in Brief. Highlights include no tax rate increase for 11<sup>th</sup> year, the inclusion of \$1 million annually for 7 more firefighter positions. The Landfill fund provides a pressure valve for City Budget.

DAB member questions ranged from details about debt service, self insurance and insurance premiums to the structure of the Enterprise fund for golf courses that is limited to revenue from golfers. Comments from DAB and/or audience members need to be made to Neighborhood Assistant Vicki Mork by July 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Recommendation: Receive and file, provide feedback to CM Lambke or Neighborhood Assistant Vicki Mork by July 13.**

## **Board Agenda**

## **8. Updates, Issues and Reports**

**Kemp** brought up the issue of a possible bike path in the Pawnee Ranch area. **CM Lambke** said he talked with the MAPD and found that an engineering firm is studying how to get the

bike path from Pawnee Park over to K-15. This issue is somewhat problematic as Wassall Street was given up to Joyland a while back and it doesn't seem likely they will allow egress along that street. The flags are utility markers of an Engineering Study and as of this time nothing is certain.

Audience member **Donna Thornton**, 2714 Southfork said Mr. Ruggles, the engineer working on the project said he was to appear before DAB in August. But no one was aware of that agenda item. **CM Lambke** stated he was not in favor of bike path in front yard of his house. **Thornton** stated she was not in favor of it either. The project does support a long range plan to connect bike around the City. **CM Lambke** explained he is to receive copies of maps showing the paths. **Kemp** says 6' bike path will not fit in yards of houses.

**Foley** commented his older Macintosh computer cannot access the City's Website.

**Recommended Action: Address each item as appropriate.**

**Motion to adjourn made by Kemp (Gulick).**

## 9. Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting for District Advisory Board III will be August 4, 2004 at Colvin Neighborhood City Hall at 7:00 p.m. will not be held as there are no agenda items at this time.

**No Action Required**

**Adjournment**

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicki Mork, Neighborhood Assistant

## Visitors

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| Lisa Wold             | 2820 S. Mosley                     |
| Carole Campbell       | 2821 S. Mosley                     |
| Margie Phelps         | State of Kansas                    |
| Jesse Sheffield       | 2526 S. Mosley                     |
| Scott Logan           | City of Wichita                    |
| Kurt Schroeder        | City of Wichita                    |
| Rosalie Bradley       | 1401 Julianne                      |
| Jody Bennett          | 1709 E. 48 <sup>th</sup> St. South |
| Donna & Merle Thorton | 2714 Southfork                     |
| Elena Ingle           | 3608 Meadow Lane                   |
| John Baldwin          | 1100 S. Terrace                    |
| John Andrade          | 1100 S. Terrace                    |